

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION
February 24, 2014



COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Dwight Collins, Frank Kadlecek, Alice Pivacek,
Wanda Buck, Bobbie Estrada

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: ArLyne Diamond

STAFF PRESENT: Phil Orr, Recreation Supervisor-Senior Center
Morgan Pershing, Reference Librarian II

GUESTS: None

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION –Recommend that City Council budget to increase the Senior Center hours to those hours prior to the great recession.

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chair Pivacek.
- II. ROLL CALL – Commissioner Diamond was excused.
- III. MINUTES OF THE January 27, 2014 MEETING – Were approved.
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE MEETING AGENDA – On a motion made by Commissioner Estrada and seconded by Commissioner Kadlecek the agenda was approved as presented.
- V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS – None.
- VI. COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS:
 - A. Chair’s Report: Chair Pivacek advised of a recent stairwell fall and will discuss with staff the possibility of changing from black to yellow stairwell marking.
 - B. Sourcewise (Formerly Council On Aging): Commissioner Collins reported that starting February 25, 2014, Sourcewise will have a representative attend the Triple A Council of California held in Sacramento.
 - C. California Senior Legislature (CSL): Commissioner Collins reported that two of the California Senior Legislature proposals had been picked up by state legislators; they are AP-10 and AP-2.
 - D. Volunteer/Communication: Commissioner Kadlecek reported that AARP volunteers have processed more than 400 tax returns to date; he estimated that

approximately two thirds were at or below the poverty line. He also relayed information regarding a survey of 2,600 respondents that concluded poor seniors exercise less than more affluent seniors.

- E. Organizations Serving Santa Clara Seniors: Commissioner Buck shared that St. Justin's provides upwards of 3,000 meals per month. She mentioned that Project Sentinel provides housing information. She advised tickets for the Santa Clara Women's League presentation of Showtime are on sale.
- F. Nutrition/Dining: No report.
- G. Seniors and the Arts in Santa Clara/Transportation: No report.
- H. Healthy Seniors: Commissioner Estrada advised that she is working on getting a speaker to give a presentation on grants.
- I. Social Services: Commissioner Orme advised that he has invited Professor Patti Simone (Director of the Gerontology Certificate Program at Santa Clara University) to speak to the Commission on memory.

VII. STAFF REPORTS:

- A. Librarian Pershing provided handouts for upcoming Internet and job hunting classes at the library.
- B. Recreation Supervisor Orr announced that Council will accept a donation for a new band saw for the Senior Center wood shop and revisions to the Senior Center web site are progressing. He introduced Patricia Lord as the new Recreation Manager.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion of the strength training class held during normal business hours in the fitness center.
- B. Discussion to return to pre-great recession hours for the Senior Center. The following motion was made by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Estrada. The motion was passed 6-0. The Senior Advisory Commission understands and appreciates the need to reduce expenditures during the great recession of 2008 which included the reduction in hours the Senior Center was open to the public. It appears that the City is now on track to rebuild its rainy day fund and the future is looking brighter with the addition of the stadium and the many new building projects in the City. Prior to the great recession the Center hours were 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday through Thursday, 7:00 am-5:00 pm Friday, and 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Saturday. As a result of the great recession the hours were reduced to 7:00 am -5:00 pm Monday thru Friday and

9:00 am -12 pm Saturday. The new reduced hours eliminated hundreds of working senior's access to the fitness center and facility.

- C. Survey of senior advisory boards .
- D. Commissioner Collins requested that news of the new Pulsepoint application be included in the Senior Center newsletter. Pulsepoint is a location based mobile application that notifies CPR-trained residents in the immediate vicinity of a nearby need for CPR.

X. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: None

XI. CONFERENCE AND TRAVEL AB1234: No report

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Santa Clara Senior Center, Room 232

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